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Mission

The mission of MCWAR is to educate selected senior officers and civilians for decision-making during war and military operations other than war in a joint, interagency and multinational environment.

History



-- August 1990, the Art of War Studies program was created under the Marine Corps Command and Staff College

-- August 1991 program matured into the Marine Corps War College under MCU as the Corps' senior-level PME School.

--On 14 November 1994, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recognized the College as a fully accredited Program for Joint Education (Phase I).

--In August 2001, MCWAR was approved by the U.S. Department of Education to confer a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

CLASS COMPOSITION

The class size has grown from six to the current size of sixteen. Historically the class has been composed of the following officers and civilians:



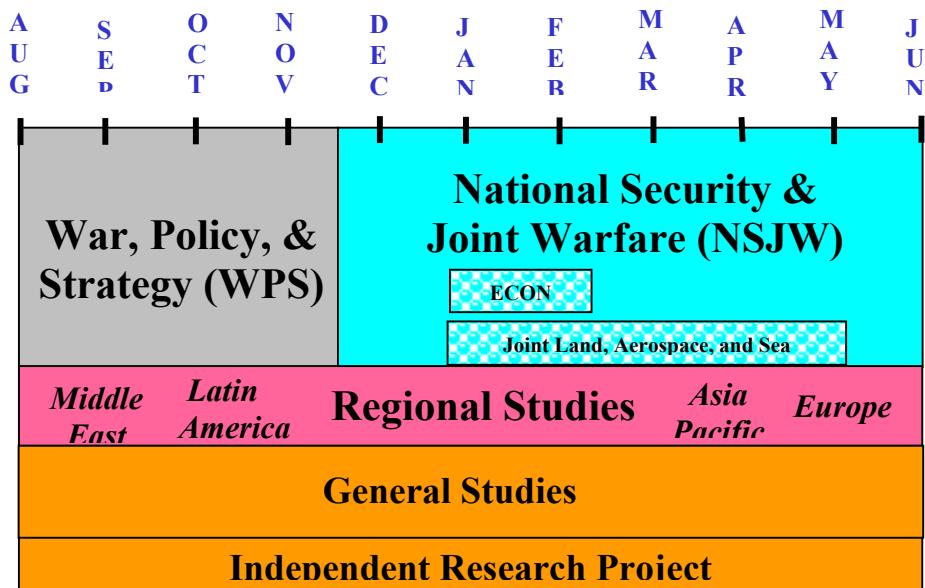
- **7 Marine**
- **2 Army**
- **2 Navy**
- **2 Air Force**
- **1 Coast Guard**
- **2 Government Agency**

MCWAR Class of 2003

Curriculum

The MCWAR curriculum includes four major courses. Click on individual courses for more details on each.

- [War, Policy, and Strategy](#)
- [National Security and Joint Warfare](#)
- [Regional Studies](#)
- [General Studies](#)



Travel

What makes MCWAR unique among the other Senior Service Colleges is its extensive travel program. This is facilitated by the small class size and proximity to Washington D.C.



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The following are examples of locations the college has visited during the academic year.

- **Combatant Commanders**
- **The Joint Chiefs of Staff**
- **The Congress**
- **The National Security Council**
- **NORAD**
- **NATO and SHAPE Headquarters**
- **The Asia Pacific Center, Hawaii**
- **The Marshall Center, Germany**
- **The New York Stock Exchange**
- **The United Nations**



"OPENING BELL" AT THE NYSE

Follow-on Assignment

Although MCWAR graduates are prepared to assume senior leadership positions of increasing complexity at the Joint, Combined and National levels, each year approximately 75% of the graduating class remain at the Marine Corps University for their post MCWAR assignment. Examples of past follow-on assignments include:

- Deputy Director, Command and Staff College**
- Faculty Advisor, Command and Staff College**
- Director, School of Advanced Warfighting**
- Deputy Director, School of Advanced Warfighting**
- Director, Warfighting Directorate, Command and Staff College**

